

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides relative to the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (board).

Existing law provides for definitions.

New law adds the definitions of "limited purpose permit" and "radiologist assistant".

Prior law required the board to examine, license, renew licenses of, and issue temporary working permits to qualified applicants for licensure as radiologic technologists and conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee.

New law modifies prior law requiring the board to examine, license, renew licenses of, issue permits, renew permits of, and issue temporary working permits to duly qualified applicants for licensure or permit as radiologic technologists, nuclear medicine technologists, radiation therapy technologists, fusion technologists, limited purpose permit holders, and radiologist assistants, and conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee or permittee.

Existing law authorizes the board to establish a code of ethics for radiologic technologists and continuing education requirements for licensure or renewal.

New law adds that existing law extends to individuals permitted by the board.

Existing law provides for what an applicant for licensure shall verify by oath or affirmation.

New law adds that existing law applies to individuals permitted by the board.

Existing law requires that each applicant for a license as a radiologic technologist successfully complete a course of study in radiography, radiation therapy technology, fusion technology, or nuclear medicine technology, approved by the board in accordance with standards promulgated by the board.

New law adds that existing law extends to individuals permitted by the board.

New law prohibits the board from expanding the scope of practice of radiologist assistants or limited purpose permit holders beyond the duties authorized by existing law and new law.

New law provides that, for licensure as a radiologist assistant, the board shall require the applicant to hold a current certification as a registered radiologist assistant from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

New law provides that each applicant for a temporary permit to practice as a radiologist assistant shall have successfully completed an educational program for radiologist assistants.

Existing law requires the board to issue a license to and authorize the use of the title "Licensed Radiologic Technologist" to each applicant who has successfully passed the certification examination or has otherwise qualified under existing law and has paid all required fees.

New law adds the title "Licensed Radiologist Assistant" and otherwise retains existing law.

Existing law requires the board to issue a license without examination to persons who are licensed as radiologic technologists under the laws of other states, provided that the standards under which they were licensed are at least as stringent as those established by the board.

New law extends existing law reciprocity to radiologist assistants.

Existing law provides that no person shall assume or use the title or designation of "Licensed Radiologic Technologist", unless he holds a current license issued in accordance with existing law.

New law provides that no person shall assume or use the title or designation of "Licensed Radiologist Assistant" unless he holds a current license issued in accordance with new law.

Existing law provides that no person shall knowingly employ, as a radiologic technologist, any person required to hold a license under present law who does not hold such a license.

New law adds that existing law extends to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

Existing law prohibits a person holding a license under present law from using radioactive substances or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes unless under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner and pursuant to a prescription from a licensed practitioner.

New law adds that existing law applies to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

New law requires a radiologist assistant to perform advanced imaging procedures only when delegated by and conducted under the direct supervision of a radiologist. New law further provides that a radiologist assistant shall not interpret images, render diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies.

Existing law provides that a radiologic technologist whose license has lapsed and who has ceased practice for not more than five years may have his license reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee and submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that he has fulfilled continuing education requirements.

New law adds that existing law applies to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

Prior law required the board to promulgate a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license or permit, for administration of examinations, or for any other administrative function provided for in prior law. Prior law further provided that the fee schedule may be modified as necessary by the board.

New law repeals prior law and instead allows the board, at its discretion, to charge and collect fee amounts provided for in new law.

New law requires the board to set appropriate fees by rule, not to exceed the amounts specified in new law.

Existing law provides that the board may suspend or revoke any license to practice as a radiologic technologist or otherwise discipline a licensee under certain circumstances.

New law adds that existing law applies to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

New law provides that a licensee or permittee may be disciplined for knowingly assisting a person in performing activities requiring a license issued by the board.

New law further provides that a licensee or permittee may be disciplined for interpreting images, rendering diagnoses, or prescribing medications or therapies in violation of law.

Existing law provides that proceedings against a license holder shall be instituted in accordance with existing law.

New law adds that existing law applies to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

Prior law provided that, for a period not to exceed one year from the effective date of prior law, the board was required to issue a license without examination to certain qualified applicants meeting specified work experience requirements.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided for clinical experience requirements for national certification.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 37:3207(A)(2) and (4) and (B)(intro. para.), (1) and (2), 3208(A)(intro. para.) and (B), 3211-3213, 3216, 3218, and 3219(A)(intro. para.), (1), (2), (4), (5), and (8) and (B); Adds R.S. 37:3200(13) and (14), 3207(C) and (D), 3208(C), 3210(E), and 3219(A)(11); Repeals R.S. 37:3210(B) and 3221)